

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1 - 49 were pending. Of those claims the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 9-16, 18-21, 26-33, 35-38, and 44-49 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 6,408,661 issued to Chen. The Examiner rejected claims 3 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious and unpatentable over Chen in view of United States Patent Number 6,055,832 issued to Wyers. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's acknowledgment that claims 5-8, 17, 22-24, 34, and 39-43 contain allowable subject matter.

Newly presented independent claim 50 includes all of the limitations of dependent claim 5 and all of the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 4. Thus, claim 50 has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and all intervening claims. Accordingly, as the Examiner indicated in the Office Action, claim 50 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 3, 9, 13, and 14 are amended to depend from claim 50. As such, these claims as well as claims 10-12 and 15-16 are in condition for allowance for at least the reason that they each depend from allowable claim 50.

Newly presented independent claim 51 includes all of the limitations of dependent claim 6 and all of the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 4. Thus, claim 51 has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and all intervening claims. Accordingly, as the Examiner indicated in the Office Action, claim 51 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 7 is amended to depend from claim 51. As such, claim 7 as

well as claim 8 are in condition for allowance for at least the reason that they each depend from allowable claim 51.

Newly presented independent claim 52 includes all of the limitations of dependent claim 17 along with the limitations of base claim 1. There were no intervening claims. Thus, claim 52 has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and all intervening claims. Accordingly, as the Examiner indicated in the Office Action, claim 52 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Newly presented independent claim 53 includes all of the limitations of dependent claim 22 and all of the limitations of base claim 18 and intervening claims 19-21. Thus, claim 53 has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and all intervening claims. Accordingly, as the Examiner indicated in the Office Action, claim 53 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 23, 25-29, 31, and 33 are amended to depend from claim 53. As such, these claims as well as claims 24, 30, and 32 are in condition for allowance for at least the reason that they each depend from allowable claim 53.

Newly presented independent claim 54 includes all of the limitations of dependent claim 34 along with the limitations of base claim 18. There were no intervening claims. Thus, claim 54 has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and all intervening claims. Accordingly, as the Examiner indicated in the Office Action, claim 54 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Newly presented independent claim 55 includes all of the limitations of dependent claim 39 and all of the limitations of base claim 35 and intervening claim 38. Thus, claim 55 has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and all intervening claims. Accordingly, as the Examiner indicated in the Office Action, claim 55 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 36, 37, and 40 are amended to depend from claim 55. As such, these claims are in condition for allowance for at least the reason that they each depend from allowable claim 55.

Newly presented independent claim 56 includes all of the limitations of dependent claim 41 along with the limitations of base claim 35. There were no intervening claims. Thus, claim 56 has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and all intervening claims. Accordingly, as the Examiner indicated in the Office Action, claim 56 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 42 and 44 are amended to depend from claim 56. As such, these claims as well as claim 43 are in condition for allowance for at least the reason that they each depend from allowable claim 56.

Claims 1, 4-6, 17-22, 34-35, 38-39, 41, and 45-49 have been canceled. It follows that any rejections that may correspond to the canceled claims are hereby obviated.

Due to this amendment, a new filing fee calculation is provided as follows:

Maximum total claims this amendment	Total Claims Previously Paid for	
36 -	49	= 1 X \$ 26.00 = \$ 0.00

Total Independent claims per this amendment	Maximum Independent Claims Previously Paid for	
7 -	4	= 3 X \$110.00 = \$ 330.00

Additional Filing Fees Due:\$ 330.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Additional Filing Fees Due and any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) due and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in complete condition for allowance, and action to that end is courteously solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved prior to the granting of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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